

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 19-1612V

UNPUBLISHED

NATHANIEL IAN BROOK,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: August 25, 2021

Special Processing Unit (SPU);  
Damages Decision Based on Proffer;  
Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Vaccine;  
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine  
Administration (SIRVA)

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*Andrew Henning, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

### **DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES**<sup>1</sup>

On October 16, 2019, Nathaniel Brook filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA) caused by a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccination. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On July 2, 2021, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for a right SIRVA. On August 24, 2021, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$37,500.00. Proffer at 2. In the Proffer, Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

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<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$37,500.00, in the form of a check payable to Petitioner, representing compensation for pain and suffering.**

This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Brian H. Corcoran**

Brian H. Corcoran  
Chief Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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HUMAN SERVICES,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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On October 16, 2019, Nathaniel Ian Brook (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (“Vaccine Act” or “Act”), alleging that he suffered a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (“SIRVA”), resulting from adverse effects of a tetanus-diphtheria (“Td”) vaccine he received on March 19, 2018. *See* Petition at 1. On July 2, 2021, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (“respondent”) filed a Rule 4(c) Report indicating that this case is appropriate for compensation under the terms of the Act, and on July 2, 2021, the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding petitioner entitled to compensation. *See* ECF No. 35; ECF No. 36.

### A. Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$37,500.00 in pain and suffering.

*See* 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

This amount represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner is entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

## **II. Form of the Award**

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case. Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment as described below and requests that the Chief Special Master's decision and the Court's judgment award the following<sup>1</sup>: a lump sum payment of \$37,500.00, representing compensation for pain and suffering, in the form of a check payable to petitioner.

## **III. Summary of Recommended Payments Following Judgment**

Lump sum payable to petitioner, Nathaniel Ian Brook:	<b>\$37,500.00</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future lost earnings and future pain and suffering.

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